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18. Fruit vessels arriving with yellow fever on board, or having had yellow fever on board during the voyage, shall be placed in quarantine. The personnel shall be removed, with the exception of the master, the living apartments thoroughly disinfected, the vessel provided with a new crew, sufficient to care for her, and towed to the docks for the discharge of cargo. Upon completion of the discharge of cargo the holds shall be fumigated with sulphur and the vessel shall be towed to the quarantine station to take on her crew before proceeding to sea.

19. This circular supersedes all previous Department circulars relating to special quarantine regulations for fruit vessels.

L. M. SHAW, *Secretary*.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report from Norfolk—Improvement in smallpox situation—Summary of cases.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, March 6, as follows:

There is an improvement in the smallpox situation for Norfolk and vicinity. Following is the record of all cases by months:

October, 1; November, 11; December, 60; January, 204 (44 of these occurred in Berkley, which at that time was a separate municipality); February, 120. In the county, outside of the city of Norfolk, there were 287 cases, while only 23 cases occurred in the neighboring city of Portsmouth for the same period.

The disease has been extremely mild in type, no death having occurred in the total of 709 cases.

Report from Vanceboro, Me.—Precautions taken on Canadian border to prevent importation of smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Young reports, March 5, as follows:

During the week ended March 4, 1906, I inspected 18 passenger trains, carrying a total of 1,150 passengers, of whom I vaccinated 35.

A number of cases of smallpox are believed to exist in and around St. John. I am vaccinating all persons from that section who are inefficiently protected.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
YEARLY AND MONTHLY.

CALIFORNIA—*Los Angeles*.—Month of December, 1905. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 306, including enteric fever 2, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 76 from tuberculosis.

Month of January, 1906. Total number of deaths, 352, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 3, whooping cough 1, and 73 from tuberculosis.